

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

KRISTY LOPEZ, as parent and best friend,  
and on behalf of her minor child, J.L.,

Plaintiff,

v.

No. 2:18-cv-00871-GBW-KRS

HOBBS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
a political subdivision of the  
State of New Mexico; TJ PARKS,  
in his official capacity as Superintendent  
of the Hobbs Municipal School District;  
JOSE MARES, in his official capacity  
as the Hobbs High School Boys  
Varsity Head Soccer Coach; GREG HASTON,  
in his official capacity as Athletic  
Director of Hobbs High School;  
BRENDA WILSON, in her official capacity  
as Athletic Director of Hobbs High School;  
ZEKE KANEY, in his official capacity as  
Assistant Principal of Hobbs High School;  
JOHN DOES I-X; JANE DOES I-X; and  
BLACK AND WHITE ENTITIES I-X,

Defendants.

**INITIAL SCHEDULING ORDER**

In light of Defendants' withdrawal of their motion to dismiss (Doc. 10), this case appears ready for scheduling, case management, discovery, and other non-dispositive matters. The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as amended, as well as the Local Rules of the Court, will apply to this lawsuit.

The parties, appearing through counsel or pro se, shall "meet and confer" no later than **January 2, 2019** to formulate a provisional discovery plan. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f). **As part of this process, the parties are reminded that Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) requires**

**them to exchange views on the “disclosure, discovery, or preservation of electronically stored information, including the form or forms in which it should be produced.” The parties have an attendant duty to preserve all electronically stored information that may be discoverable in this case.**

The time allowed for discovery is generally 120 to 180 days. The parties will cooperate in preparing a *Joint Status Report and Provisional Discovery Plan* (“JSR”) that follows the sample available on the Court’s website.<sup>1</sup> The blanks for suggested/proposed dates in the JSR are to be filled in by the parties. Actual dates will be promulgated by order of the Court to be entered after the Rule 16 scheduling conference scheduled pursuant to this order. Plaintiff, or Defendant in cases which have been removed from State District Court, is responsible for filing the JSR by **January 9, 2019.**

**Initial disclosures by a party pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1) shall be made within fourteen days after the meet-and-confer session.**

A telephonic Rule 16 scheduling conference will be conducted on **January 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.**<sup>2</sup> Counsel and parties pro se shall call (888) 398-2342 and enter access code 8193818 to be connected to the telephonic Rule 16 scheduling conference. At the Rule 16 scheduling conference, counsel and parties pro se should be prepared to discuss discovery needs and scheduling, all claims and defenses, the use of scientific evidence, whether a *Daubert*<sup>3</sup> hearing is necessary, initial disclosures, and the time of expert disclosures and reports under Federal Rule

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 06-173, the JSR replaces and supersedes the Provisional Discovery Plan and the Initial Pretrial Report, effective January 2, 2007. The standardized *Joint Status Report and Provisional Discovery Plan* is available at [www.nmd.uscourts.gov/forms](http://www.nmd.uscourts.gov/forms) from the drop-down menu.

<sup>2</sup> If counsel or parties wish to appear in person at the scheduling conference, please advise the undersigned’s chambers at least 48 hours prior to the scheduling conference. If counsel or parties are going to appear in person at the scheduling conference, you will appear at the United States District Courthouse, Picacho Courtroom, Room 480, 4th floor, 100 N. Church Street, Las Cruces New Mexico, unless otherwise noted on the court docket.

<sup>3</sup> *Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals*, 509 U.S. 579 (1993).

of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2). The Court, counsel and parties pro se will also discuss settlement prospects and alternative dispute resolution possibilities. In addition, the scheduling conference participants will address consideration of consent by the parties to a United States Magistrate Judge presiding over dispositive proceedings, including motions and trial, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). Parties represented by counsel may, but are not required to, attend the telephonic scheduling conference.

If service on all parties is not complete, Plaintiff(s) appearing through counsel or pro se is/are responsible for notifying all parties of the content of this order.

Good cause must be shown and the express written approval obtained from the Court for any modifications of the dates in the scheduling order that issues from the JSR.

Pretrial practice in this case shall be in accordance with the above.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kevin Sweazea".

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KEVIN R. SWEAZEA  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE